

LOVE LETTERS

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**SWEETHEART
BY PROXY**

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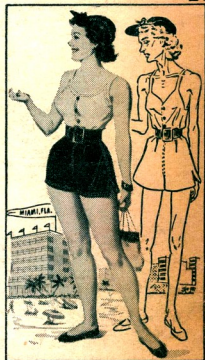
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ALONE AND WITHOUT A FAMILY OF MY OWN I WAS CONSIDERED OF LITTLE SOCIAL STANDING BY THE TOWN SNOBS! BEING AN ORPHAN, I HAD STRUGGLED ALL MY LIFE TO MAKE MYSELF THE EQUAL OF OTHERS! IT WASN'T UNTIL I FELL DESPERATELY IN LOVE WITH A MAN DOMINATED BY HIS SOCIAL CLIMBING SISTER THAT I PAID THE HEARTBREAKING PRICE FOR BEING A "NOBODY"! I LOVED NORM BUT RATHER THAN SPOIL HIS CHANCE FOR SUCCESS---

I Gave Up My Man



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It was too late when I realized what people were saying about me!



But the man I had dreamed about had arrived in Elm Grove only that morning!



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By the time the clerk was ready to sell me the stamps, I didn't want them any more! My letters had been addressed to friends in a distant city!



I WANTED LOUELLA TO LET ME STAY WITH HER UNTIL I FOUND A JOB IN PITTSBURG! BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE TOWN...NOT NOW!



And before Norm and I parted!

YOU'RE SURE NOW? YOU WON'T BE ANGRY IF I PHONE YOU AFTER I'M SETTLED?

I WON'T BE ANGRY! BUT... I KNOW YOU WON'T CALL!

But Norm did call! And soon...

ISN'T IT STRANGE? I'M ONLY BACK A FEW WEEKS, BUT I FEEL AS THOUGH I NEVER BEEN AWAY!

GETTING THAT COACHING JOB AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HELPED, DIDN'T IT?



IT WAS THE JOB I WAS AFTER, ALL RIGHT! BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I FEEL SO... AT HOME HERE!

OH?



IT'S YOU, PEGGY! I'VE SORT OF BEEN DRIFTING, AND SUDDENLY I KNOW WHAT I WANT OUT OF LIFE! A HOME OF MY OWN... SOMEBODY TO LOVE ME!

WHY DO YOU LOOK AT ME THAT WAY, NORM?



BECAUSE YOU'RE LOVELY! BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GIRL I LOVE AND... WANT TO MARRY! DOES THAT IDEA APPEAL TO YOU, PEGGY?

OH, YES... YES, DARLING! NOTHING COULD MAKE ME HAPPIER!



I knew then my search for love had ended! Norm's kiss sent hope through me!



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And, inevitably, the moment I had been dreading came!

I HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD ANDREA YOUR NAME, BUT I DID SAY I HAD A SURPRISE FOR HER! AND I KNOW SHE'LL BE CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

I WONDER!



YOU MIGHT FIND HER A LITTLE STRAIGHT-LACED, BUT MY SISTER'S DONE A LOT FOR ME! IMAGINE WORKING IN THE POST OFFICE ALL THESE YEARS TO SEND ME THROUGH COLLEGE!

ALL THE GOSSIP IN TOWN MUST HAVE REACHED HER THERE! SHE'LL NEVER APPROVE OF ME!



COME ON HONEY... I... I CAN'T HELP BEING NERVOUS, DARLING! A GREAT BIG SMILE!



My intuition about Andrea was right!

SIS, MEET PEGGY RADCLIFFE, THE GIRL WHO'S GOING TO MAKE ME HAPPY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

H-HOW DO YOU DO, ANDREA?



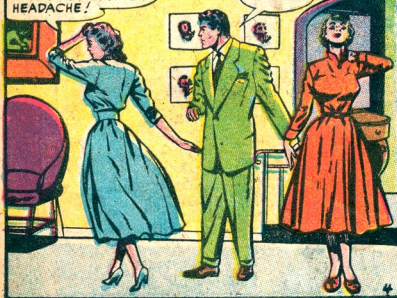
PEGGY RADCLIFFE! WHY, YOU'RE THE GIRL... OH, NO!

ANDREA! WHAT'S WRONG?



EXCUSE ME! I... I HAVE A SPLITTING HEADACHE!

BUT SIS...!



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

I CAN TAKE ME HOME, NORM, PLEASE!



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Later, crushed and embarrassed, I was amazed to learn that Norm was still on my side! As we sat in my tiny flat...



...SO, YOU SEE, I DON'T BLAME ANDREA FOR NOT LIKING ME! I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU ALL THESE THINGS SOONER, NORM... BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

PEGGY... HONEY, I DON'T CARE ABOUT SOCIAL STANDING!



ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOU'RE SWEET AND GOOD AND...I LOVE YOU!

YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON WHO FEELS THAT WAY! NORM, SHELL NEVER APPROVE OF OUR MARRIAGE!



LOOK, DARLING, I OWE A LOT TO ANDREA! BUT I DON'T OWE HER MY LIFE! NOBODY'S GOING TO CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT YOU!

I'M... GRATEFUL, DEAR!



THERE'S A NEW PROMOTION COMING UP AT THE SCHOOL... IN FACT, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S CONSIDERING ME FOR THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S POST, IN THIS DISTRICT!

AND?



DON'T YOU SEE? WITH A BIGGER SALARY, I'LL BE ABLE TO PAY BACK THE TUITION MONEY ANDREA LOANED ME! THEN WE CAN BE MARRIED WITH OR WITHOUT HER APPROVAL!

OH, NORM! I'LL HAVE MY FINGERS CROSSED! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH... SO MUCH!

For the first time in years I felt proud and confident again! Norm loved me and believed in me! And then, late one afternoon!



ANDREA! THIS IS A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

I'M NOT SO SURE YOU'LL CALL IT PLEASANT AFTER I LEAVE, MISS RADCLIFFE!



I'VE COME TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MY BROTHER! TO APPEAL TO WHAT IS LEFT OF YOUR SENSE OF DECENCY!

P-PLEASE SIT DOWN!

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And when I saw Norm that night...

WHAT'S WRONG, MONEY? YOU'VE BEEN KIND OF QUIET ALL EVENING!

I'VE BEEN THINKING!

HE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT ANDREA'S VISIT! HE'D ONLY BE UPSET IF I TOLD HIM!



WELL, THINK CHEERFUL THOUGHTS, DARLING! I GOT A CALL FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TODAY! THEY'RE CHECKING INTO MY BACKGROUND!

THEN THEY'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN YOU!



LOOKS THAT WAY! I GAVE THEM ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT COLLEGE, PERSONAL REFERENCES, EVERYTHING!



I HOPE I MAKE IT, NOT ONLY FOR OUR SAKE, BUT BECAUSE ANDREA'S COUNTING ON ME! YOU KNOW, IN HER CRAZY, MISGUIDED WAY, SHE'S VERY FOND OF ME!

YES, I... I'M SURE SHE IS, NORM!



When Norm kissed me good-night an hour later, I clung to him desperately, knowing that Andrea had been right!

I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, NORM! BUT I'LL ONLY HURT YOU IF I DON'T GET OUT OF YOUR LIFE!



And late that night!

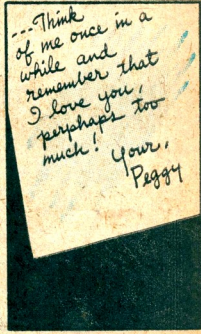
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE I GO! I'LL START ALL OVER SOMEPLACE WHERE MY HAVING NO FAMILY WON'T HAUNT ME!



... PLEASE FORGIVE ME, DARLING! WHEREVER I AM, YOU'LL KNOW! SOB! MY HEART IS STILL WITH YOU!



---Think of me once in a while and remember that I love you, perhaps too much!
Your, Peggy



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Soon after-ward, I had started what I thought would be a new life in a nearby city?



THAT NEW SALESGIRL WE HIRED IS PERSONABLE ENOUGH! BUT SOMETIMES SHE ACTS DAZED... AS THOUGH SHE HAD SOMETHING ON HER MIND!

OH, NORM... NORM, WHY CAN'T I FORGET YOU?

Days were miserable, but the long, lonely evenings were worse...

I ALMOST WISH I DIDN'T HAVE TO QUIT WORK AT FIVE! AT LEAST IT ISN'T SO BAD WHEN I'M WORKING!



I LEFT THE EVENING PAPER BEHIND YOUR DOOR, HONEY! YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHIN' TO READ... IF YOU'RE NOT GOIN' OUT, THAT IS!

NO...NO, I'M NOT GOING OUT! THANK YOU, MRS. MALLOY!

Perhaps it was boredom, but more likely it was fate that made me read a tiny item on the sports page later that evening!



"KIMPSON APPOINTED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR IN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT!! THAT MEANS NORM GOT THE JOB!"



IT...WOULDN'T HURT TO DROP HIM A NOTE AND CONGRATULATE HIM! I WON'T HAVE TO PUT MY ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE!



"...AND I WISH YOU ALL THE LUCK IN THE WORLD!" : SOB: OH, DARLING, THIS WAS WHAT WE WANTED! WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED WHEN YOU GOT YOUR APPOINTMENT!

Only if you have known the anguish of a heart that is empty and broken can you understand the misery that engulfed me that evening!



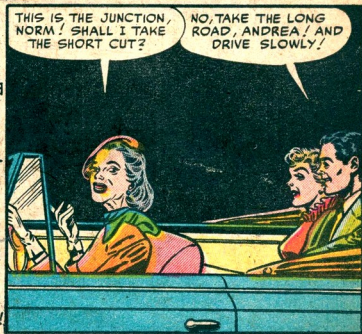
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE WRITTEN! BY THIS TIME, NORM'S PROBABLY FORGOTTEN I EVER EXISTED!

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Another dismal week dragged by after I mailed that note of congratulation! And one day, as I came home from work.



Andrea drove the car, so that Norm and I could be together! And as his comforting arms closed around me, I looked forward to the long road that led me home!



GHOST of An Old ROMANCE



It WAS THE TALK OF THE TOWN... THAT I, ELAINE HUDSON, HAD WON PAUL BLAKE! MARRIAGE TO HIM MEANT ALL I COULD DESIRE... WEALTH, SOCIAL POSITION, AND MOST IMPORTANT, THE WONDERFUL PAUL HIMSELF! BUT COULD I BE HAPPY? COULD I GIVE HIM THE LOVE HE DESERVED WHEN, HOVERING AROUND MY HEART WAS THE **GHOST of an OLD ROMANCE?**

I WAS PROUD AS PUNCH THE DAY MY ENGAGEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THE NEWSPAPER! HE WAS THE "CATCH" OF THE CITY AND I WAS THE LUCKY GIRL!



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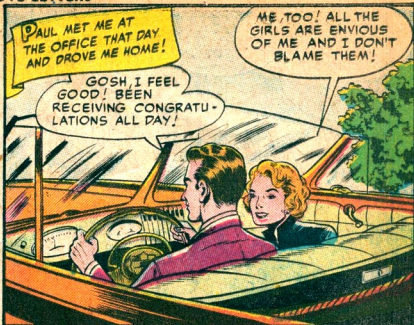


ELAINE HUDSON TO WED PAUL BLAKE
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hudson have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Mr. Paul Blake of this city.

ELAINE, IT'S TERRIFIC! GEE, I HOPE YOU'LL BE VERY HAPPY!

IF SHE'S NOT, SHE'S CRAZY! ANY GIRL WOULD GIVE HER RIGHT ARM TO GET THAT GUY! WOW!

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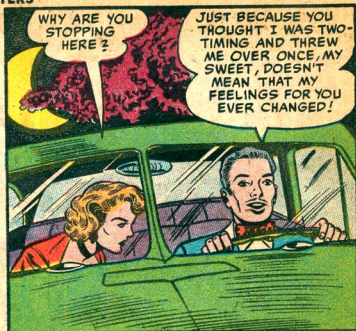
PAUL DIDN'T FILL ME WITH THE RAPTUROUS THRILLS I HAD SOMEHOW EXPECTED FROM THE MAN I WAS TO MARRY! BUT I ADORED HIM AND FELT A SENSE OF CONTENTMENT AND RARE WELL-BEING! EVERYTHING SEEMED PERFECT FOR ME, UNTIL THAT EVENING!



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ONCE DUD HAD BEEN MY SWEET-HEART! AN INNER VOICE WARNED ME THAT I SHOULD NOT GO WITH HIM, BUT HIS VERY PRESENCE WAS TEMPTATION AND MY HEART WOULD NOT REFUSE!



ALL NIGHT I WAS STEEPED IN MISERY! MY PLANS WITH PAUL, WHICH HAD BEEN SO PERFECT, LAY SHATTERED BY MY OWN STRICKEN CONSCIENCE!



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THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO! WITH AN ANGUISHED HEART, I DID IT!

EH

My Dearest Paul,
Writing this is torture
but I know no other way.
I have made a grievous
mistake, my darling, and find
it necessary to call off our
engagement. Forgive me,
but I could not go on,
knowing that our marriage
would be haunted by the
ghost of an old romance.
My deepest affection
and regret.
Elaine

I MAILED THE LETTER ON THE WAY TO WORK THE NEXT DAY, SENDING IT TO PAUL'S OFFICE!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BRIDE-TO-BE? YOU LOOK GLUM!

I'LL SAY! ANYBODY'D THINK YOU'D LOST YOUR BEST FRIEND!

I FEEL AS IF I HAVE!

AS I LEFT THE BUILDING THAT AFTERNOON...

PAUL! YOUR LETTER DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE, HONEY! LET'S GO SOMEPLACE WHERE WE CAN TALK!

NOW WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? I WON'T LIKE IT BUT GIVE IT TO ME STRAIGHT!

I WILL! THE LEAST I CAN DO IS BE TRUTHFUL!

I POURED OUT MY STORY! IT ALMOST KILLED ME TO SEE THE HURT EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE! I WISHED HE'D BE ANGRY INSTEAD OF SO SWEET AND UNDERSTANDING!



I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR IT TO BE THIS WAY!

HEARTS ARE HARD TO CONTROL! JUST REMEMBER THAT I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU! AND I DON'T GIVE UP EASILY!

RESTAURANT

AFTER THAT, I DATED DUD...

HI, GANG! GUESS YOU ALL KNOW ELAINE HUDSON... OR AT LEAST YOU READ ABOUT HER IN THE PAPER!

DUD, PLEASE!

IT'S NOT EVERY GUY WHO CAN TAKE A GAL AWAY FROM PAUL BLAKE!

HA, HA! YOU ALWAYS WERE THE OLD CHARMER!

To THE VICTOR BELONG THE SPOILS! I DISLIKED DUD'S GLOATING MANNER AND SOON BEGAN TO LONG FOR PAUL! A FEW WEEKS LATER...



PAUL! IT... IT'S MAR-VELOUS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

YOURS, TOO! LOOK... I'M HAVING A LITTLE PARTY AT THE HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT! THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO COME!

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YOU AND DUD, I MEAN! NO REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T GET TOGETHER, IS THERE?

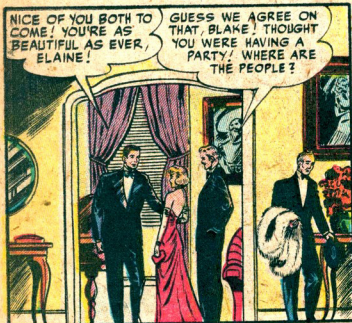
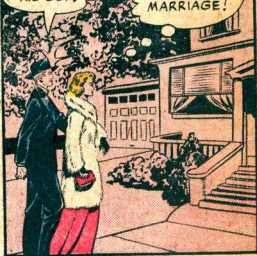
I GUESS NOT! I'LL FIND OUT IF HE'S FREE AND LET YOU KNOW!



DUD JUMPED AT THE CHANCE! THE NEXT EVENING...

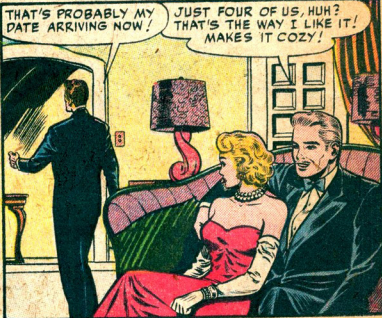
QUITE A JOINT THEY HAVE HERE! MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE MARRIED THE GUY!

AT LEAST, PAUL WANTED ME! DUD'S NEVER MENTIONED MARRIAGE!



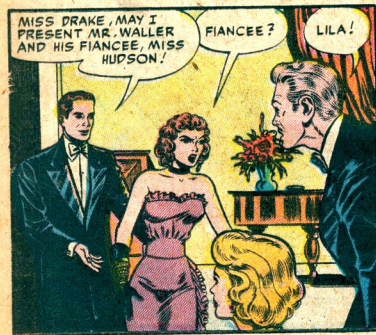
NICE OF YOU BOTH TO COME! YOU'RE AS BEAUTIFUL AS EVER, ELAINE!

GUESS WE AGREE ON THAT, BLAKE! THOUGHT YOU WERE HAVING A PARTY! WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE?



THAT'S PROBABLY MY DATE ARRIVING NOW!

JUST FOUR OF US, HUH? THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT! MAKES IT COZY!



MISS DRAKE, MAY I PRESENT MR. WALLER AND HIS FIANCEE, MISS HUDSON!

FIANCEE?

LILA!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FIANCEE? YOU SAID I WAS YOUR GIRL!

LILA, BE QUIET! I--I'M NOT ENGAGED TO ANYBODY! BESIDES, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

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IS THIS THE WAY YOU HAVE TO WORK EVERY OTHER NIGHT? A TWO-TIMER!

I...I'M SORRY, BUT I MUST LEAVE! PLEASE GET MY COAT!



NUMB WITH RAGE AND HUMILIATION, I RAN FROM THE HOUSE AND TO THE NEAREST CORNER!

251 OAK STREET!
AND PLEASE HURRY!



IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW! DUD NEVER CARED FOR ME! HE'S JUST THE CONCEITED KIND WHO CAN'T STAND TO LOSE! ESOP: FOR THAT, I GAVE UP PAUL!



I'LL GO AWAY...NEVER SEE ANY OF THEM AGAIN!

ELAINE, WAIT!



IT WAS CRUEL, HONEY, BUT I HAD TO DO IT! I KNEW ABOUT PUD AND MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF MEETING THIS GIRL WHILE SHE WAITED FOR HIM ONE NIGHT AT A CLUB!

YOU MEAN...?



YOU HAD TO BE CONVINCED! I LOVE YOU AND WANT TO MARRY YOU! IF YOU'LL PROMISE THERE'LL BE NO MORE GHOSTS!

I PROMISE! I LOVE YOU, PAUL! IT TOOK A BITTER LESSON TO LEARN HOW MUCH!



IT WASN'T LONG UNTIL...

YOU'RE TELLING ME?

GOSH, MRS. BLAKE, ARE YOU LUCKY!



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FATE CAN PLAY SOME MIGHTY FUNNY PRANKS ON PEOPLE....BUT WHAT IT DID TO ME WAS FAR FROM HUMOROUS! FOR AFTER I HAD MET THE ONLY MAN I EVER LOVED, I SEEMED DESTINED TO BE JUST HIS

Sweetheart by PROXY



Irene Clayton is my roommate! I am Judy Blaine! This whole thing began in a spirit of gay adventure, while we were on our vacation, rolling across Arizona!



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So that's the way Andy Dexter came upon the scene --- the man who was to bring me more happiness and more heartbreak than I had ever known! That night...



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I took a full day to get the car fixed! While we waited, Andy gave us a taste of the West!



JUDY RIDES WELL BUT I'M SIMPLY HELPLESS ON A HORSE!

YOU'RE DOING OKAY! AND I'LL STICK CLOSE!



THIS IS CACTUSVILLE CANYON, SIMILAR TO THE PAINTED DESERT! LIKE IT?

IT'S WONDERFUL!

AND SO IS HE!

That night...



EVER SEE THE STARS SO BRIGHT?

THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!

I won't say that I fell in love with Andy then! I only know that, when he helped me off my horse, a strange sensation struck me like darts piercing my heart!



HIS ARMS ARE STRONG AND SECURE! I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM!

DOWN YOU COME!

YOU'RE A LOT MORE BEAUTIFUL, IRENE!

THREE'S A CROWD! I WISH I HADN'T COME ALONG! I WISH, EVEN MORE, THAT HE LIKED ME THE WAY HE LIKES HER!



The next morning, we left Cactusville!



I SURE HATE TO SEE YOU GO! BE SURE TO WRITE AND TELL ME ABOUT YOUR TRIP!

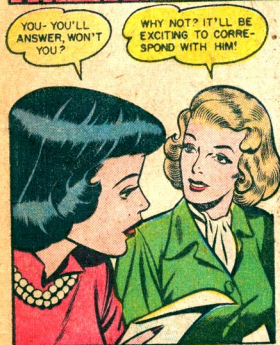
WE WILL! YOU HAVE OUR ADDRESS SO WRITE US, TOO, HUH?

GEE! ANDY'S TERRIFIC, ISN'T HE?

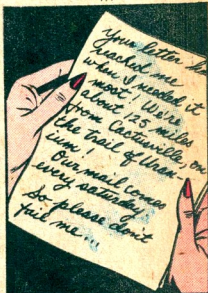
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE ROMANTIC ADVENTURE! IT WAS FUN!



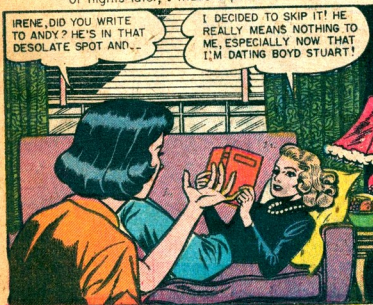
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Why did I tremble while I held it?



I was pretty sure she hadn't answered when, a couple of nights later, I made a point of it!



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That was when I became a sweetheart by proxy, writing to Andy and signing Irene's name!

WHY SO BUSY, JUDY? HOME-WORK FROM THE OFFICE?

NO, BOYD! IT'S...ER...ER...A LITTLE JOB OF BEING PERSONAL SECRETARY!



Months passed and we loaded Uncle Sam's mailbags, for the letters became more frequent! The tone of them changed but I was unaware of it at the time!

I sat on a rock and read it a hundred times

Something about your work terrifies me.

I wish I could see you again, dear. So we you are

I'm only 16 now. What day in Arizona. I could spend my life

Love Andy

Irene

Then, one day, the least-expected happened...

IRENE, ANDY'S COMING TO SEE YOU! HE'LL BE HERE TONIGHT!

GOOD GRIEF! I HAVEN'T EVEN WRITTEN HIM FOR AGES!



BUT I HAVE! HE HE SAYS HE'S FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU AND CAN'T STAY AWAY ANY LONGER!

THAT'S DANDY! JUST LAST NIGHT I GOT ENGAGED TO BOYD! WHAT DID YOU PUT IN THOSE LETTERS?

I-I DON'T KNOW!

THIS IS AWFUL! I'LL HAVE TO KEEP BOYD AWAY TONIGHT WHILE I GET RID OF ANDY! AND I'LL DO THAT IN A HURRY!



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Irene was cold as a clam, while every fibre in me was on fire! It took every effort to choke down the lump in my throat! About half an hour later...



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My heart ached for all of us --- for Andy who loved Irene, for me who loved Andy, for Irene and Boyd because of their embarrassment! But I tried to keep up my spirits!



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That lump in my throat gave way and the flood of tears was on! You simply can't cry your eyes out in a public place!



Humdrum Love

WHEN I came home from work that night, I found mother at the mailbox looking curiously at an envelope addressed to me. Then I spotted George jumping the hedge from his home next door, so I decided to tell them both at the same time. "That's my certificate as a qualified hotel hostess," I explained. "I've been taking a course."

The look of consternation on both their faces quieted me momentarily. "But, Janie," protested George, "To be a hotel hostess you'll have to leave your home town." "That's it, exactly," I replied. "I'm sick of this town. I want some excitement." George tried to dissuade me. "You know I want to marry you, Janie. My work is here and . . ." I cut him short by saying I didn't know whether I loved him enough for that. But what I really thought looking at his stained hands, was how I yearned to be loved by a sophisticated man, an exciting person! Oh, George was a good mechanic, he had a fine mind and was always tinkering at some gadget. But there was just no romance about him.

Two weeks later I went to work in a city hotel about four hundred miles from home. At first it was rather dull and routine. Then I met Ed Wilson.

Ed was a salesman who spent about ten days of every month at our hotel. He was handsome and debonair and began escorting me about the city on all my free evenings. "I know we're going to mean a lot to each other, Jane," he whispered as he held me close in the taxicab. I floated into the hotel lobby that night on a misty cloud but I was brought sharply to earth by, "Hello, Janie." It was George! He explained that he was in the city on business. "Nothing too much, yet," he smiled in his bashful fashion. Just then Ed reached my side. I introduced the two men and could feel the friction rise as they shook hands. I pleaded exhaustion in order to break up an unpleasant situation. "All right, darling, you run along," said Ed in a possessive tone. George stiffened. "I'll see you for breakfast, eh, Janie?" he asked. I agreed and left.

A strange competition arose between the men . . . Ed taking me out every time he got to town, and

George meeting me often as Ed brought me in from a date. George was in town frequently on business now. And strangely, I noticed that his hands weren't stained anymore. But the curiosity I felt about him passed in the rush I was getting from Ed. Then George explained that he was flying to New York. "You've got to realize how much I love you," he pleaded. "And see Ed Wilson for what he is. He isn't right for you, he's a playboy. Forget him and remember the love we've shared all these years." "All these years." "All these years," I snapped. "That's exactly what I want to forget, George. That humdrum little main street town and everything connected with it." George left the next day without seeing me.

I was determined to show George that he was wrong about Ed. In my heart I believed that Ed loved me and wanted to marry me. So, that night after planning my words carefully, I began a statement with, "After we're married, we can . . ." "Married!" he exploded, as he fell back against the cab seat, startled. "Who said anything about marriage? I'll get hooked eventually, but not for many long years." Suddenly I realized what a complete fool I'd been. I was furious with myself. I signalled the cab driver to stop. I leaped out of the cab and frantically hailed another as Ed tried to coax me back. "Now don't go away mad, honey," he chuckled. It seemed ages before I reached the hotel alone.

As I passed through the lobby, the night clerk called, "Jane, here's a letter, you forgot to pick up your mail this morning." I looked at the envelope. It was from George. Upstairs, my heart sang as I read: "Darling Janie,

Please give me the chance to show you how exciting our marriage could be. I'll call you tomorrow night. And I'll love you forever.

All my love,
George."

I accepted George's proposal when he called, at last realizing what true love meant. George explained then. "One of my inventions is in manufacture, dear. We don't even have to go back to our home town." That, too, was exciting news, but not half so thrilling as the marriage we will share over the years to come!

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We Couldn't Marry

FLO, NOTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD MATTERS! I ONLY KNOW ONE THING... I CAN'T THINK, OR DO MY WORK... I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT YOU!

DO YOU KNOW WHY I LEFT, DWIGHT? BECAUSE I SAW THAT LIFE WITH YOU WOULD BE ONE LONG STUFFY BORE! ROY IS MY KIND OF MAN, AND I'M GOING TO MARRY HIM! SO GO BACK TO YOUR BOOKS AND FORGET ME DWIGHT!

GO, MY DARLING, BEFORE YOU SEE ME CRY!



I WAS IN MY JUNIOR YEAR AT BELDON COLLEGE, AND I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH MY HISTORY INSTRUCTOR, DWIGHT PARKER! HE RETURNED MY LOVE AND WE WERE GLORIOUSLY HAPPY!

LOVE ME, DEAREST?

FOR THE TENTH TIME IN TEN MINUTES, I LOVE YOU, I ADORE YOU!



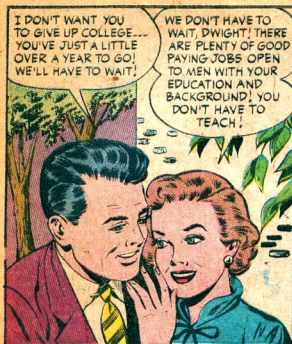
BUT EVEN THE MOST PERFECT ROMANCE HAS ITS PRACTICAL SIDE!

I ASKED DEAN HOPKINS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PROFESSORSHIP! HIS ANSWER WAS THE SAME... THERE AREN'T ANY OPENINGS! I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT A WAY TO SUPPORT A WIFE ON MY INCOME, FLO!

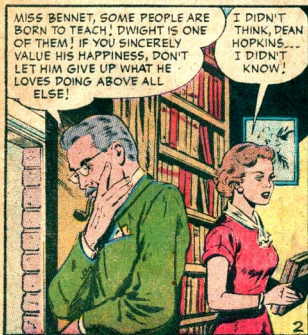
UNLESS YOUR WIFE WORKS, TOO!



LOVE LETTERS



THE SHADOW OF REALITY STARTED FALLING ACROSS MY LIFE! I COULDN'T FIND WORDS TO DENY THE LOGIC AND TRUTH, THAT CAME FROM DEAN HOPKINS' LIPS!

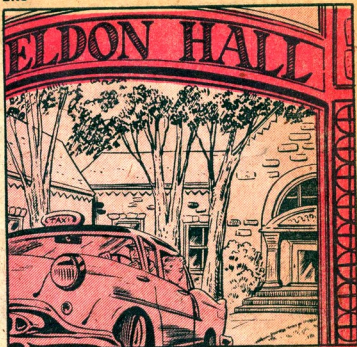


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I HADN'T TOLD DWIGHT ABOUT MY CONVERSATION WITH DEAN HOPKINS... IT WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND ANYHOW! THAT NIGHT...

Dear Dwight,
I'm not much of a one for goodbyes, so I'll simply say, our worlds are too different! I've suddenly realized marriage with you would be a mistake! I'm going away... please don't try to find me!
Good Luck, Dwight!
Florence

THAT WAS MY FAREWELL TO LOVE... BUT NO LETTER COULD SHOW THE TEARS BEHIND MY HASTILY SCRAWLED GOODBYE! I GAVE THE NOTE TO MY ROOMMATE TO DELIVER, AND BEGGED HER NOT TO TELL DWIGHT WHERE I WAS GOING! I LEFT IMMEDIATELY!



I TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER GOOD SCHOOL, CRAWFORD UNIVERSITY!

I REFER YOU ONCE MORE TO GIBBONS' DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE...

OH, DWIGHT, I CAN'T PUT YOU OUT OF MY THOUGHTS... BUT IT'S BEST THIS WAY... :SOB:



I WORKED HARD! I NEVER REFUSED A DATE! ANYTHING TO HELP ME FORGET!

HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME WAIT FOR ONE LITTLE KISS, BABY?

RELAX, ROY! IF MY KISS IS WORTH HAVING IT'S WORTH WAITING FOR!



ANGELFACE, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU FOREVER!

YOU'RE A NICE FELLOW, ROY! I LIKE YOU A LOT, BUT DO ME JUST ONE FAVOR! DON'T GET SERIOUS!



ROY WAS A LOT OF FUN, AND I WENT OUT WITH HIM OFTEN! I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT HE WAS BECOMING SERIOUS ABOUT ME!

... I'VE BEEN MISERABLE, FLO, BECAUSE I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, AND I'M AFRAID YOU'LL SAY NO! HONEY, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

ROY, I'M FOND OF YOU BUT I DON'T LOVE YOU!



PERHAPS IN TIME YOU'LL CHANGE! FLO... WHAT'S WRONG, HONEY? YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU'D SEEN A GHOST!

DWIGHT!



LOVE LETTERS



IN THAT FLASHING INSTANT I FOUGHT BACK A MAD DESIRE TO RUSH INTO DWIGHT'S ARMS!

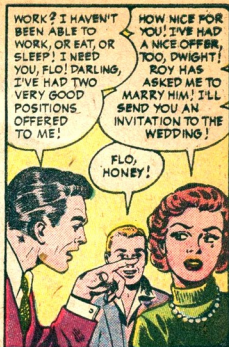
FLO! OH, IF YOU ONLY KNEW HOW HARD I'VE LOOKED, TRYING TO FIND YOU! I FINALLY GOT THE TRUTH FROM YOUR ROOMMATE!

WELL, HERE I AM! COME JOIN THE PARTY IF YOU HAVE A FEW MINUTES TO SPARE, DWIGHT!



THOSE THINGS YOU SAID IN YOUR NOTE, FLO...YOU COULDN'T HAVE MEANT THEM! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST WALK OUT OF MY LIFE, FORGET ALL OUR PLANS?

I'VE FORGOTTEN, DWIGHT! YOU'VE GOT YOUR WORK TO THINK ABOUT, AND I...I'VE GOT ROY!



WORK? I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK, OR EAT, OR SLEEP! I NEED YOU, FLO! DARLING, I'VE HAD TWO VERY GOOD POSITIONS OFFERED TO ME!

HOW NICE FOR YOU! I'VE HAD A NICE OFFER, TOO, DWIGHT! ROY HAS ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM! I'LL SEND YOU AN INVITATION TO THE WEDDING!

FLO, HONEY!

MY ACTING WAS A TRIUMPH OF DECEPTION, BUT I DIDN'T DECEIVE MY HEART! IT THROBBED WITH ANGUISH AS I SAW THE HURT IN DWIGHT'S EYES BEFORE HE TURNED AWAY FROM ME!



THEN THERE'S NO CHANCE FOR ME... I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU! GOODBYE! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

KEEP GOING, DWIGHT! DON'T TURN BACK, OR I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO AGAIN!



I RAN OFF, CHOKING BACK MY TEARS, AS I HEARD DWIGHT'S FOOTSTEPS FADE IN THE DISTANCE!

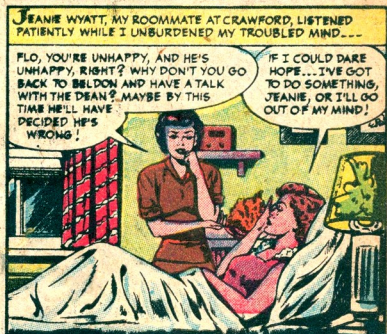
FLO! WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING TO? FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD! ONE MINUTE SHE SAYS SHE'LL MARRY ME, AND THE NEXT THING I KNOW SHE'S IGNORING ME!



IF ONLY I HADN'T SEEN HIM AGAIN! NOW HIS FACE FILLED MY THOUGHTS!

SAY, ARE YOU CRYING AGAIN, FLO?

I...I GUESS I AM, JEANIE! IT MIGHT MAKE ME FEEL BETTER IF I COULD TALK TO SOMEONE!



JEANIE WYATT, MY ROOMMATE AT CRAWFORD, LISTENED PATIENTLY WHILE I UNBURDENED MY TROUBLED MIND...

FLO, YOU'RE UNHAPPY, AND HE'S UNHAPPY, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO BELDON AND HAVE A TALK WITH THE DEAN? MAYBE BY THIS TIME HE'LL HAVE DECIDED HE'S WRONG!

IF I COULD DARE HOPE...I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING, JEANIE, OR I'LL GO OUT OF MY MIND!

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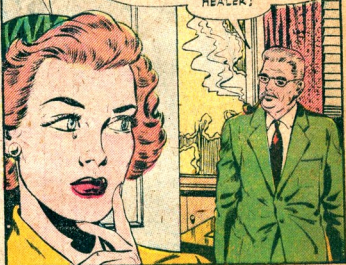
I TOOK A TRAIN TO BELDON THE NEXT MORNING! MY HOPES SOARED WITH DEAN HOPKINS! KINDLY WELCOME THAT AFTER-NOON, BUT THEY FADED AS HE SPOKE...

SO DWIGHT FOUND YOU, AND YOU SENT HIM AWAY! I ADMIT HE HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF LATELY! BUT YOU'LL BOTH GET OVER IT, MISS BENNET!

WE'LL NEVER GET OVER IT! IF YOU COULD HAVE SEEN HIS EXPRESSION WHEN I TOLD HIM I WAS GOING TO MARRY ANOTHER MAN!

I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT DWIGHT, DEAN HOPKINS!

MY DEAR, IF HE WERE TO GIVE UP TEACHING, HE'D DESPISE YOU AND HIMSELF SOME DAY! MISS BENNET, REMEMBER THINGS HAVE A WAY OF WORKING OUT! TIME IS A WONDERFUL HEALER!



THE TORTURED WEEKS CREEPT BY! THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO OCCUPY MY MIND, BUT DWIGHT CONSTANTLY FILLED MY EVERY THOUGHT!

HOW'D YOU COME OUT IN THE EXAMS, FLO?

I JUST SQUEEZED THROUGH, JEANIE! I DON'T KNOW HOW I DID EVEN THAT WELL!

LET'S GO TO CLASS, FLO! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A DOUBLE-DATE TONIGHT!

I'VE TRIED THAT BEFORE! IT DOESN'T WORK, JEANIE! I LAUGH AND LOOK LIKE I'M HAVING A GOOD TIME, BUT I'M ONLY PRETENDING!

I FOLLOWED JEANIE BLINDLY INTO OUR NEXT CLASS! I QUICKLY NOTICED A STRANGE AIR ABOUT THE OTHER GIRLS!

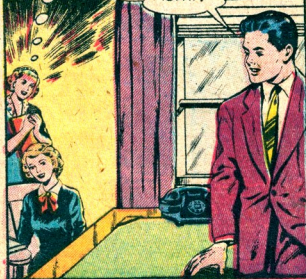
WHAT ARE THEY GAPING AT? ...OH, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE ANYWAY!



I WENT TO MY SEAT, AND THEN I STARED, TOO! I STARED AT THE NEW TEACHER STANDING IN FRONT OF THE ROOM! HE WAS A HANDSOME MAN, AN ADORABLE MAN!

DWIGHT!

I...I BELIEVE WE'RE WELL ENOUGH ACQUAINTED BY NOW, EVERYONE! CLASS IS DISMISSED FOR TODAY!



THE CLASS WAS GONE! ONLY DWIGHT AND I REMAINED! THEN WE FLEW INTO EACH OTHER'S ARMS!

DEAN HOPKINS ARRANGED IT ALL, FLO! HE CALLED HERE TO DR. WHITLEY, AND THERE WAS AN OPENING FOR AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, AND...OH, THERE'S SO MUCH TO TELL!

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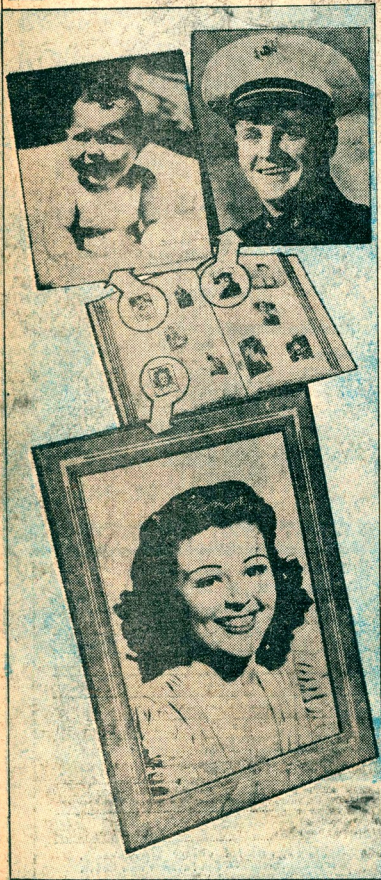
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